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SUBJECT: POTENTIAL STRIKE AGAINST BUILDING HOUSING EMBASSY

REF: KINGSTON 3168

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EARLY REPORT ON POTENTIAL STRIKE DIRECTED AGAINST BUILDING IN WHICH EMBASSY IS HOUSED.
 2. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THE SENSITIVITY OF THE SITUATION, THE DEPARTMENT HAS CONSISTENTLY TAKEN POSITION THAT LOCAL LABOR DISPUTES SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO INTERFERE WITH NORMAL DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR OPERATIONS. EMBASSY SHOULD RAISE THIS MATTER AT APPROPRIATE LEVELS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO ENSURE THAT ACCESS TO EMBASSY IS NOT IMPAIRED NOR EMPLOYEES ENDANGERED BY STRIKE. CLEARLY THE RESPON-
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SIBILITY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE EMBASSY AND PUBLIC ACCESS TO IT IS A MATTER TO BE RESOLVED BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND FOREIGN MINISTRY. NONETHELESS, WE RECOGNIZE THAT INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH UNION OFFICIALS MAY BE NECESSARY TO AVOID VIOLENCE.

3. SHOULD IT BECOME CLEAR THAT STRIKE WILL

OCCUR, EMBASSY

MAY WISH TO CONSIDER ISSUING PRESS RELEASE WHICH WOULD

REMIND JAMAICANS THAT INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE PREVENTS THE
EMBASSY FROM BECOMING INVOLVED IN LOCAL DISPUTES AND
THAT THE HOST GOVERNMENT IS OBLIGED TO PROVIDE CONDITIONS
IN WHICH MISSION CAN FUNCTION NORMALLY.

PRESS RELEASE

COULD ALSO REAFFIRM OUR INTEREST IN AND COMMITMENT TO THE
FREE BARGAINING PROCESS AND POINT OUT THAT BY KEEPING THE
EMBASSY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
IN NO WAY REFLECTS A JUDGMENT
ON THE ISSUES IN DISPUTE BETWEEN THE UNION AND MANAGEMENT.
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